



Statement of Purpose

Retirement Security for Illinois Educators

Preface

The *Member Guide* provides an overview of your Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) benefits. This guide has been prepared to answer general questions that you have about us, the services we offer, and your responsibilities as a member or an annuitant.

We make every effort to provide you with the most current information, including rule changes enacted by our Board of Trustees and benefit

changes resulting from legislation. This guide includes legislative changes signed into law through August 31, 2005. For information about changes that have occurred since the publication of this guide, see our *Topics & Report* newsletter or visit the TRS Web site.

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